

The Department has once more deplore the loss of one of its principal officers. Mr. Thomas Patrick French, Post Office Inspector of the Ottawa Division, died suddenly of heart disease on 7th November. Mr. French had been in the Post Office service since 15th September, 1873, when he was appointed Post Office Inspector of the Ottawa Division, a position which he occupied with credit to himself, and advantage to the Department, until his lamented decease. Energetic by nature and gifted with considerable ability, no amount of hard work ever daunted him, difficulties, conquered by courage and perseverance disappeared, and as a consequence he rarely failed to accomplish the object he had in view.

The direct exchange of Money Orders and the establishment of a Parcel Post with Japan, having been satisfactorily put in operation; negotiations are now in progress for similar arrangements with Hong Kong and the West Indies.

Under the provisions of the United States Lottery Act, which went into force in September, 1890, newspapers, pamphlets, and publications of all kinds, bearing date before or since the nineteenth day of September, 1890 (at which date the Act took effect), which contain the advertisement of any lottery, gift enterprise, or similar scheme, or the whole or part of the list of prizes awarded at the drawings of lotteries or similar schemes, are by the provisions of this Act, denied carriage in the mails, or delivery to subscribers, addressees, or to any other person, or as "sample copies." As this Act applies to foreign newspapers, pamphlets, and publications of all kinds, Canadian publishers will do well to bear its provisions in mind.

I have again to express to the officers of the inside and outside service, my hearty thanks for the readiness with which they have invariably lent their assistance in carrying on the business of the Department; a business which year by year draws more and more heavily upon the time and ability of those to whom its administration is entrusted.

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